

REMARKS

Claims 25, 27-38, 40-42, 44-54, and 56-65 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 25, 27-38, 40-42, 44-54, and 56-65 in the Final Office Action. Applicants have amended the claims to place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance. Specifically, Applicants have herein canceled claims 1-5, 10-17, 22-24, 55, and 56.

In light of the cancellation of claims 1-5, 10-17, 22-24, 55, and 56, Applicants respectfully submit that each of 1) the rejection of claims 1, 10, 13, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Barry et al.*, 2) the rejection of claims 3, 4, 11, 15, 16, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Owa et al.*, 3) the rejection of claims 5, 12, 17, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Shimada*, and 4) the rejection of claims 2 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Barry et al.* in view of *Yacoub* is moot. Applicants further submit that the rejection of claims 22-24, 55, and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is moot.

The amendments made herein involve only the cancellation of claims. Thus, these amendments comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b). Accordingly, Applicants request that this paper and the amendments made herein be entered.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application, which now includes only allowed claims 25, 27-38, 40-42, 44-54, and 56-65, is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any additional fees are due in connection with

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the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit
Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP049).

Respectfully submitted,
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